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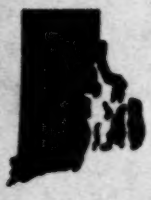

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE 4,100 IN SEPTEMBER TO 396,400

Continued seasonal hiring in the Services and Transportation sectors, combined with gains in the Jewelry-Silverware Industry, increased overall Rhode Island employment to its highest level since December, 1981..

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 396,400 in September. This figure is 1,900 above the year ago level and represents a gain of 4,100 jobs from the August total of 392,300.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island rose by 500 in September to 119,300, an increase of 800 jobs from the September, 1982 level of 118,500.

In the Durable Goods sector, the September employment total of 53,500 was up 100 from last month, and was 1,600 jobs above the figure recorded one year ago. The Nondurable Goods level of 65,800 was up 400 over August, but was 800 below September, 1982.

Within the Durable Goods sector, monthly job gains of 100 each occurred in Stone-Clay-Glass, Electrical Machinery, and Instruments. Monthly losses of 100 were reported in Primary metals and Fabricated Metals. The remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from the preceding month. On an annual comparison, increases reported in Transportation Equipment (+1,000), Electrical Machinery (+900), Instruments (+300), and Stone-Clay-Glass (+200) were slightly offset by losses of 300 each in Primary Metals and Nonelectric Machinery, and 100 in both Lumber/ Furniture and Fabricated Metals.

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EMPLOYERS!

LIST YOUR HOLIDAY JOB OPENINGS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

Are you an employer who will need additional workers for the approaching holiday season? Adding a second or third shift? Expanding your retail hours? Expecting to add either part-time or full-time help for this busy season? The Rhode Island Job Service is the State's largest single source of job-ready applicants. Now is the time to list your openings with the Job Service. Our responsibility is to work with employers across the entire spectrum of the work force, providing a full range of employees from the assembly line to the front office. Professional job interviewers in each of our twelve local offices will screen and refer applicants for your consideration. You make the final selection. We can also assist you in describing your jobs accurately in preparing your job orders. This saves you, or your personnel staff, valuable time and money in recruiting and interviewing.

For more than fifty years, Job Service has been working hard to keep Americans – and Rhode Islanders – working; a dependable community source of qualified applicants for Rhode Island employers.

Now is the time to list your holiday hiring needs with the Job Service. Call the Job Bank at 277-3588 (or toll-free Enterprise 2265) or any local office of the Rhode Island Job Service listed on page two of this Bulletin. Thank you.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue..... 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St..... 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St..... 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road..... 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street..... 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St..... 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St..... 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
or..... Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information..... 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders..... 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982
Total Placements	1,848	2,914	2,906
New Applications	3,666	4,843	5,421
New Openings Rec'd.	2,621	4,608	3,690

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	% Change Aug. 1983
Initial Claims	7,018	10,201	- 31.2
No. of Payments	54,103	70,154	- 22.9
Amt. of Payments	$ 5,612,416	$7,301,578	- 23.1
Exhaustions	1,262	1,447	- 12.8

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983
Initial Claims	1,684	1,665
No. of Payments	15,719	18,251
Amount of Payments	$1,577,587	$1,961,849

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	481.8	483.0	483.4
Unemployment	32.1	37.5	46.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.7	7.8	9.5
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.4	7.5	10.7

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	473.2	470.6	484.8
Unemployment	38.1	44.8	54.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.0	9.5	11.2

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	37,855	37,620	35,610
Unemployment	1,755	1,805	2,140
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.6	4.8	6.0

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	16,785	16,610	16,075
Unemployment	1,060	1,230	1,180
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.3	7.4	7.3

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The annual designation of Labor Surplus Areas has recently been announced by the U.S. Department of Labor. The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas. The classifications are effective through September 30, 1984. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol

Central Falls

East Providence

Johnston

New Shoreham

Pawtucket

Warren

West Warwick

Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	396.4	392.3	394.5	+ 4,100	+ 1,900
MANUFACTURING	119.3	118.8	118.5	+ 500	+ 800
NONMANUFACTURING	277.1	273.5	276.0	+ 3,600	+ 1,100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.0	13.2	12.5	- 200	+ 500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.5	10.6**	13.5	+ 2,900	-
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	80.6	80.2	79.9	+ 400	+ 700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.5	21.5	21.2	-	+ 300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	92.9	91.6	91.2	+ 1,300	+ 1,700
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	55.6**	56.4	57.7	- 800	- 2,100

1982 Figures REVISED. 1983 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982	Sept. 1983	Sept. 1982	Sept. 1983	Sept. 1982	Sept. 1983	Sept. 1982
ALL MANUFACTURING	119.3	118.8	118.5	+500	+ 800	$278.30	$252.22	39.7	38.1	$7.01	$6.62
DURABLE GOODS	53.5	53.4	51.9	+100	+1600	316.31	283.63	40.5	38.8	7.81	7.31
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 100	266.95	230.44	38.3	33.3	6.97	6.92
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.3	2.2	2.1	+100	+ 200	347.11	216.71	39.4	26.3	8.81	8.24
PRIMARY METALS	6.5	6.6	6.8	- 100	- 300	353.03	306.55	43.0	42.4	8.21	7.23
FABRICATED METALS	9.6	9.7	9.7	- 100	- 100	255.08	243.36	38.3	39.0	6.66	6.24
NON-ELECTRIC MACH.	7.0*	7.0*	7.3*	0	- 300	363.37	335.92	40.6	38.7	8.95	8.68
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.2	11.1	10.3	+100	+ 900	282.17	247.30	40.6	38.4	6.95	6.44
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.2	8.2	0	+1000	364.00	356.01	40.0	41.3	9.10	8.62
INSTRUMENTS	5.1	5.0	4.8	+100	+ 300	307.38	269.50	44.1	39.4	6.97	6.84
NONDURABLE GOODS	65.8	65.4	66.6	+400	- 800	248.04	229.36	39.0	37.6	6.36	6.10
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.4	3.2	+100	+ 300	197.57	263.66	33.6	40.5	5.88	6.51
TEXTILES	11.0	11.0	11.2	0	- 200	249.87	236.57	41.3	41.0	6.05	5.77
APPAREL	2.9	3.0	3.0	- 100	- 100	221.55	204.44	38.8	38.5	5.71	5.31
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0	251.30	245.37	41.4	41.1	6.07	5.97
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.7	5.7	5.8	0	- 100	356.36	363.30	36.7	37.3	9.71	9.74
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	3.0	3.0	- 100	- 100	345.87	342.52	36.6	39.1	9.45	8.76
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0	325.42	277.46	44.7	39.3	7.28	7.06
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 100	272.16	263.74	39.5	39.9	6.89	6.61
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.0	3.1	2.6	- 100	+ 400	215.80	177.75	41.5	37.5	5.20	4.74
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.4	21.9	23.5	+500	- 1100	217.23	208.82	39.0	39.4	5.57	5.30
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	5.5	5.6	+100	0	233.87	168.58	37.3	27.5	6.27	6.13

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The largest monthly increase in the Nondurable Goods sector took place in Jewelry-Silverware (+500). Smaller employment gains of 100 were recorded in both Food-Beverage and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. Apparel, Chemical products, and Leather Products reportee monthly losses of 100 jobs each. The remaining industries in this sector were unchanged in the month-to-month period. Compared to a year ago, Jewelry-Silverware (-1,100) showed by far the greatest decline. Textiles lost 200 jobs, and losses of 100 each occurred in Apparel, Printing-Publishing, and Chemical Products. Annual gains were recorded in Leather Products (+400), Food-Beverage (+300) and Plastics Products (+100). Paper Products, Rubber Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing remained unchanged from last September.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing establishments increased sharply by 3,600 jobs from August to September, largely due to seasonal hiring in Services, and the settlement of a labor dispute in the Transportation and Public Utilities sector. The September total of 277,100 is also 1,100 jobs above the September, 1982 level of 276,000.

Within the Nonmanufacturing group, the largest monthly gain (+2,900) was recorded in Transportation and Public Utilities, due to the above mentioned strike settlement and the seasonal return of school bus drivers to private payrolls. At 13,500, this segment was unchanged from last September. Services employment was up 1,300 for the month to 92,900, representing an increase of 1,700 from the year ago figure.

As the result of a seasonal monthly job gain of 400, Trade boosted its employment to 80,600, which was 700 higher than last September. Government (-800) recorded the largest monthly job loss due to the effects of teacher strikes which more than offset other gains in Public Education employment. The Government employment total of 55,600 also represented a loss of 2,100 from September, 1982. Although Construction fell by 200 for the month to 13,000, this industry stood 500 above its level of one year ago. Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate remained unchanged from August at 21,500, but was 300 higher than last year.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers increased by 4 cents to $7.01 in September, and were up 39 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 1.3 hours in September to 39.7, which was 1.6 hours more than were reported in this month last year. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $278.30 in September. This represents an increase of $10.65 compared to the August level, and is $26.08 greater than the one year ago figure.

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